

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently Amended) A stencil printer comprising:
a printing unit configured to print an image on a sheet of paper;
a guide path along which the sheet of paper is guided to the printing unit;
at least one rotating roller disposed adjacent to the guide path and configured to aid in guiding the sheet of paper along the guide path, the at least one rotating roller including ~~constituting at least~~ a press roller and a position of the guide path being above the press roller during either double-sided or multi-color printing operations; and

at least one removing roller in contact with an outer periphery of the at least one rotating roller and configured to rotate in order to both spread and reduce undried ink from a previously printed side of the sheet transferred to the at least one rotating roller so that the ink on the outer periphery of the at least one rotating roller can be dried quickly.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein the at least one removing roller rotates in accordance with the rotation of the at least one rotating roller in that the at least one removing roller rotates in a same rotative direction and at a same rotative velocity as the at least one rotating roller.

4. - 9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein ~~in addition to the press roller,~~ the at least one rotating roller comprises said press roller and also ~~constitutes~~ a pair of resist rollers.

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11. (Previously Presented) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the pair of resist rollers are rotated not only at a time of conveying a printed sheet.

12. (Previously Presented) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the pair of resist rollers are rotated at a time of making a master by a master making mechanism.

13. - 20. (Canceled).
